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Chapter 14 After the Seeds of Fire were Sown in Suites

DON'T LET THEM INTO THE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS!
ROAR
YOU'RE ALLOWED TO USE FORCE ON ANY WHO RESIST.
THE GUYS FROM THE EAST DISTRICT ARE GROUPING UP TOO.
WHAT DO WE DO, BISCUIT?

YEAH!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
LET'S GO.
EVERYONE, TOGETHER WITH OUR COMRADES!
THIS COUP D'ETAT HERE IN SUITES...

THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS HAPPENED MANY TIMES.
IS A BATTLE BETWEEN THE "STATE" AND ITS COMMONERS.

THE SUITES REPRESENTATIVE IN BARDON,
SENATOR BOOLE.

AND YOU, WARBLER, WERE THE PERSON WHO HAD BEEN LEAKING INFORMATION ON

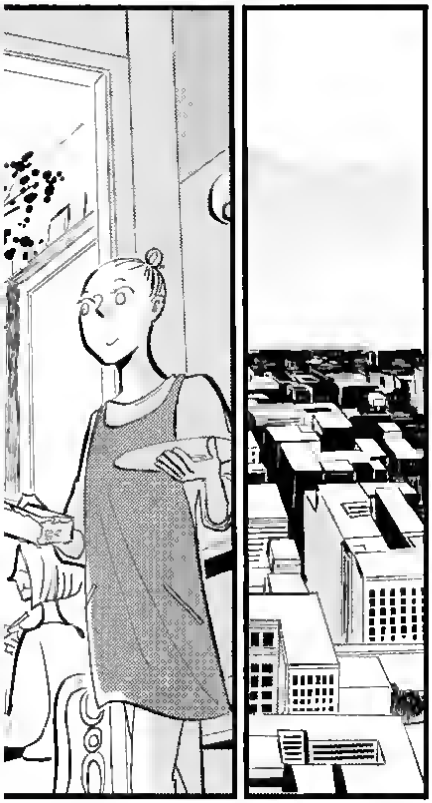
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT IN THE OFFICE.
LET'S TAKE A BACK STREET.

PEOPLE ARE STREAMING IN FROM THE BACK STREETS AS WELL.
JUST HOW MANY CITIZENS IS THIS THING GOING TO GATHER?
PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

Clang
Clang
HEY,
JEAN!
AH.
HEY LOOK!
HE'S FROM ACCA!
WHAT, HE THOUGHT HE COULD ESCAPE BY BLENDING IN?
WE'LL START WITH HIM!

YEAH!
LET'S GO!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO BOTHER WITH A GUY FROM ACCA
WE NEED TO GET TO THE GOV-ERNMENT BUILDINGS!
JEAN!

LET'S WAIT UNTIL IT DIES DOWN.
YEAH...



YAAAAAAAY!
Pan-cakes!
HERE'S YOUR
BREAKFAST PLATE.
The pancakes were great!
Pan-cakes!
Here're your

Stand
HEY YOU.
THEY JUST GOT TOASTED!
WOULD YOU LIKE MORE TOAST?
YOU'RE THE GUY WHO'S ALSO BEEN STALKING LOTTA, AREN'T YOU?
Those clothes, and your black car...
TELL ME WHY YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING HER AROUND.
THAT ISN'T WHAT'S IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.
HERE'S YOUR TOAST!

WHAT WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON NOW,
IS THIS.
THAT'S JUST REGULAR BREAD...
REGU-LAR...
IT'S CALLED TOAST...
WHEN TOASTED, DON'T YOU KNOW THIS?
I SHALL REMEMBER THIS "TOAST."
.... AND DELICI-OUS...
THIS "TOAST"
IS CRUNCHY ON THE OUTSIDE
BUT SOFT AND LIGHT ON THE INSIDE!
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Note: Dowa only has hard bread
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE LAID MY EYES ON THIS

THERE'S A BAKERY THAT SPECIALIZES IN THIS KIND OF BREAD... DO YOU WANT TO GO?
WILL YOU TAKE ME THERE?
...I KIND OF WANT TO GO TOO.
Fine
THE WHITE BREAD HERE IS REALLY SOFT.

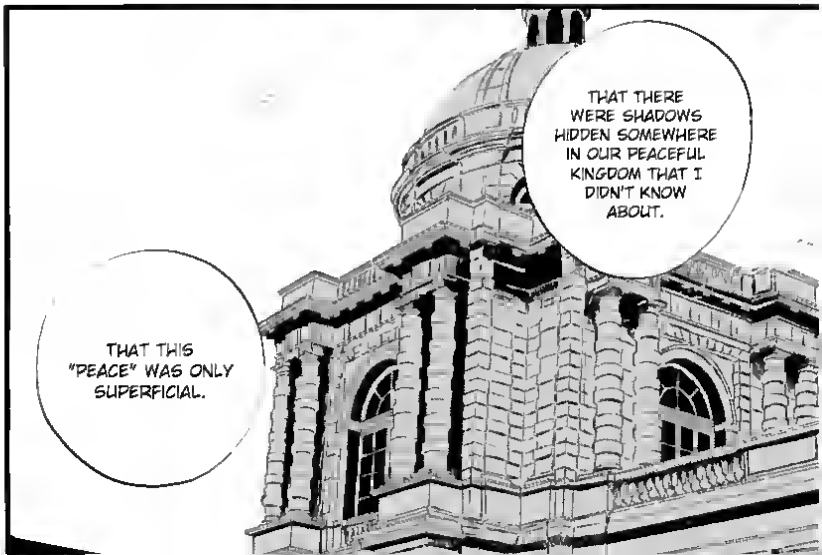
ENTRY'S BEEN MADE FORBIDDEN SO WE CAN'T GO INSIDE FOR A WHILE
ALL I BROUGHT BACK WAS SOME BREAD. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME?
It's gone stale though.
NOT NOW.

SORRY I'M LATE.
THE AREA AROUND THE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT IS SAFE.

YOU GOT TO SEE HOW IT WAS LIKE, RIGHT?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
SOME OF THEM MANAGED TO ESCAPE...
BUT MOST OF THE FIGURE-HEADS WERE CAUGHT.

HE'S A MEMBER OF ACCA TOO, SO I WONDER HOW THE HIGHER-UPS WILL DEAL WITH HIM.
YEAH.
INCLUDING THE LEADERS OF EVERY DISTRICT...
AND BISCUIT AS WELL.
WARBLER.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE NAMED AS AN ACCOMPLICE.

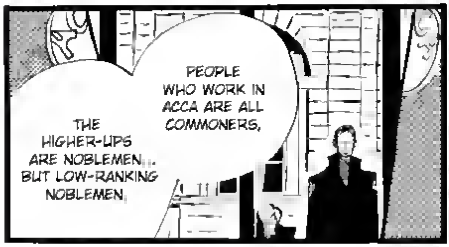
BEING STATIONED HERE IN SUITES...
HAS MADE ME REALIZE SOMETHING.
WHY DID YOU DO IT?

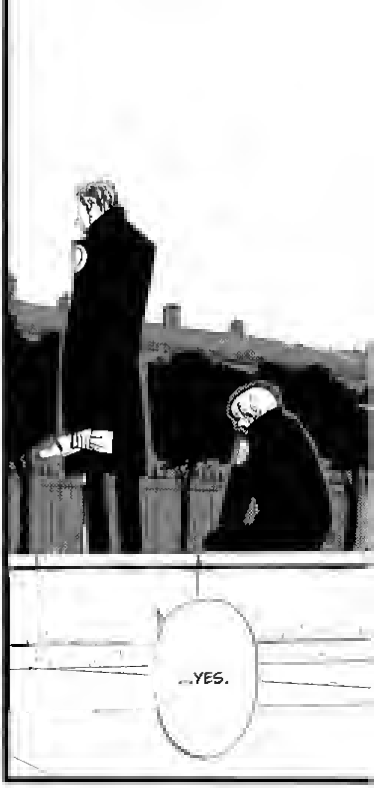

THAT THERE WERE SHADOWS HIDDEN SOMEWHERE IN OUR PEACEFUL KINGDOM THAT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT.
THAT THIS "PEACE" WAS ONLY SUPERFICIAL.

I OFTEN HEAR YOU SAY THAT "THIS KINGDOM IS PEACEFUL."
YOU MUST'VE SEEN THE CONDITION THIS STATE IS IN ON YOUR ROUNDS HERE.
JUST WHAT ABOUT IT IS PEACEFUL?
I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED HERE FELT

THAT'S HOW IT WORKS HERE.

ACCA HAS A DIFFERENT PURPOSE IN SUITES.


PEOPLE WHO WORK IN ACCA ARE ALL COMMONERS,
THE HIGHER-UPS ARE NOBLEMEN... BUT LOW-RANKING NOBLEMEN.


...YES.

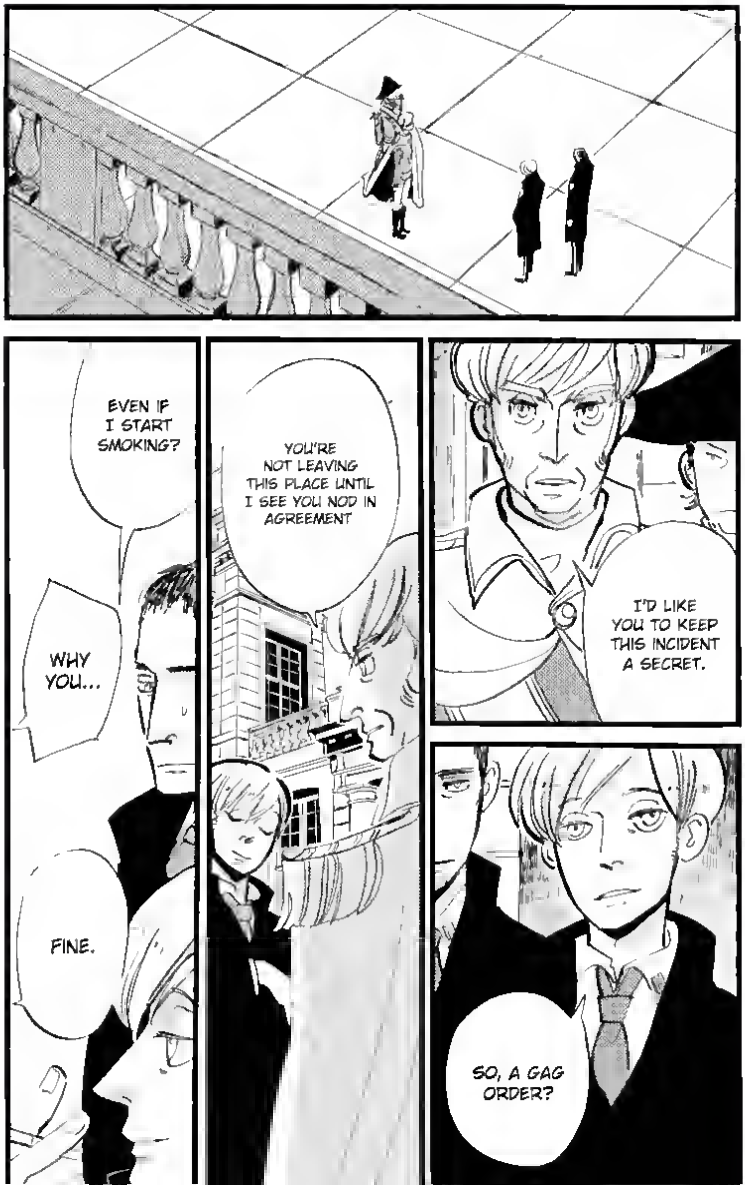
IT'S AN EXCEPTION FOR PEOPLE LIKE DIRECTOR PASTICE TO JOIN ACCA
THE SUITES BRANCH IS JUST A PLACE WHERE WE FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF THE HIGH-RANKING ARISTOCRATS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THEY WERE A DANGEROUS BUNCH TO BEGIN WITH,
BUT THEIR PASSION TOWARDS THE STATE IS GENUINE.
EVERYONE HAD PUT IN SO MUCH EFFORT TO DO ALL THIS...
BUT IT'S GONE TO WASTE.
SO BEING STATIONED HERE FOR A LONG TIME WAS A GOOD THING FOR YOU

I'M FIRED, AREN'T I?
WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE IF YOU COULD JUST LET ME GO?

YOU WON'T GET TO COME BACK HERE EVER AGAIN
IF YOU LEAVE THE STATE AS A RESULT OF YOU GETTING DISMISSED.
THANK GOODNESS...
YOU'RE SAFE!
HOW ARE THE OTHER WOMEN AND CHILDREN?
EVERY-ONE'S SAFE.

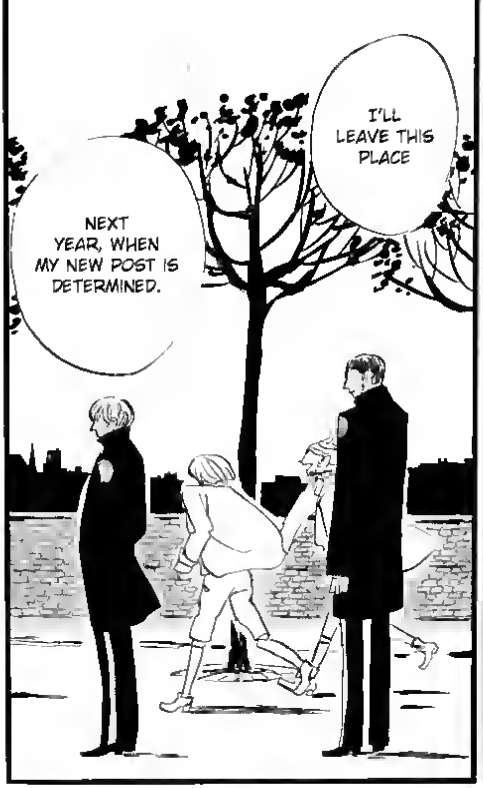
THIS HAPPENING AT THE SAME TIME AS AN INSPECTION WAS UNLUCKY OF US...
WHAT DO WE DO, MANAGER?
ISSUE A GAG ORDER!
AND THE GUY FROM HQ?
I WOULDN'T LIKE TO GET ON JEAN OTUS' BAD SIDE...
HUH?
I'LL TALK TO HIM.
I WANT TO ASK HIM ABOUT ANOTHER COUP ANYWAYS.
WHAT?
JUST CALL HIM HERE.
ACTUALLY... I'LL GO MEET HIM


I'D LIKE YOU TO KEEP THIS INCIDENT A SECRET.
SO, A GAG ORDER?
YOU'RE NOT LEAVING THIS PLACE UNTIL I SEE YOU NOD IN AGREEMENT
EVEN IF I START SMOKING?
WHY YOU...
FINE.

TELL ME.
ON A CERTAIN CONDITION.
Puff
Really?
I'LL KEEP IT A SECRET.
THAT YOU RELEASE EVERYONE RELATED TO THIS INCIDENT.

VERY WELL BUT ONLY THIS TIME.
BUT THERE WAS AN ACCA MEMBER WITHIN THE RINGLEADERS
HE WILL BE DISMISSED
THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM

NOBODY FROM ACCA DISPATCHED TO QUELL THE COUP USED THEIR WEAPONS ON CIVILIANS.
I GUESS THEY COULDN'T BEAR TO HURT THEIR "BROTHERS AND SISTERS."
WHAT HAPPENED HERE, STAYS HERE
I WON'T REPORT THIS TO HQ.


NEXT YEAR, WHEN MY NEW POST IS DETERMINED.
I'LL LEAVE THIS PLACE

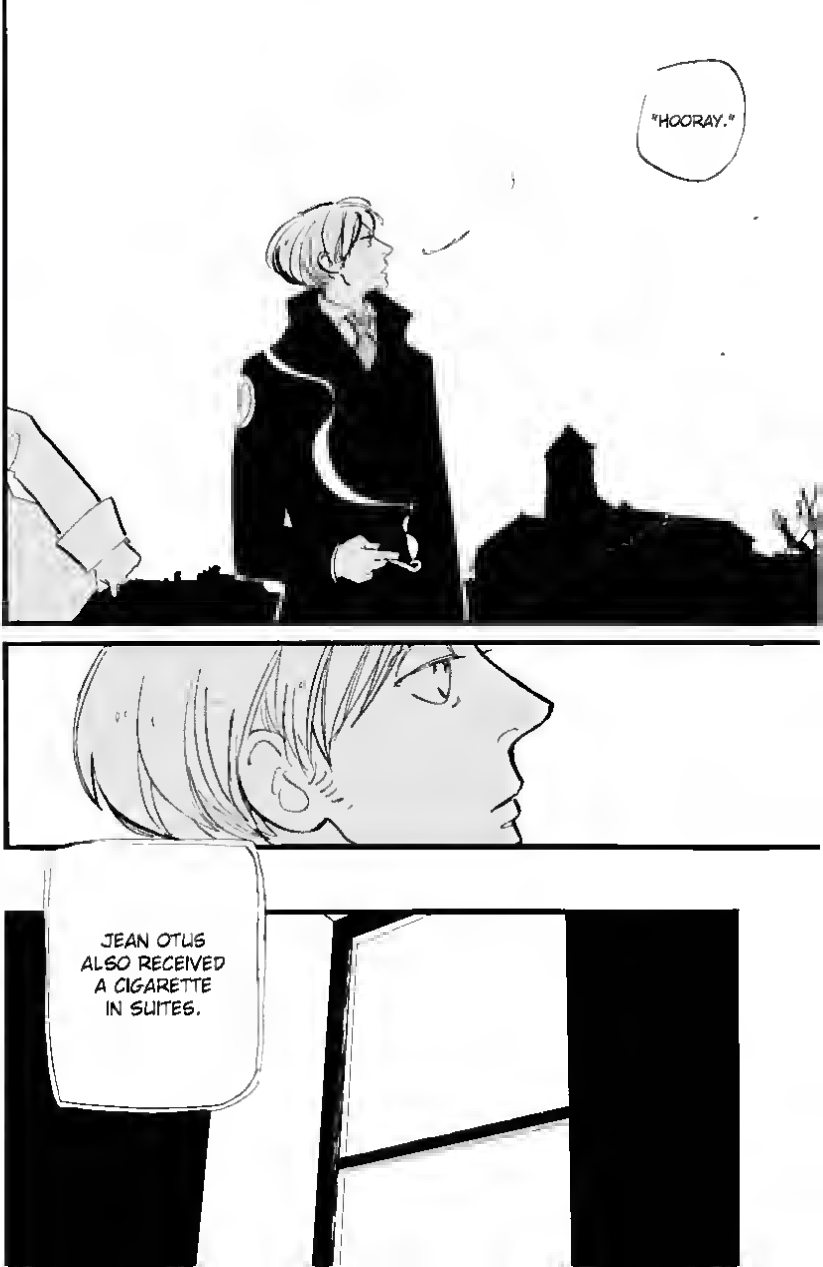
NOTHING WILL GO ON YOUR RECORD, EITHER.

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY CHANGE THIS STATE.
THEY HAVEN'T BEEN DEFEATED YET.

I WANT TO BE THERE WHEN THAT HAPPENS.
I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT YOU'VE SCORED A VERY LOW RATING.
BASED ON THIS INSPECTION,
YOU SHOULD'VE WATCHED FROM THE SIDELINES.
YOU COMPLETELY ABANDONED THE PEOPLE YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO MANAGE
AND LET YOURSELF GET LOST IN CHANGING THE STATE.
YOU COULDN'T FULFILL YOUR DUTIES AS A LEADER.

THE INCIDENT HAS MADE THIS PLACE EVEN MORE POLITICALLY IMBALANCED.
YOU'RE STAYING HERE.
I TAKE THAT BACK.
I KNOW I SAID THAT YOU COULD SOMEDAY TAKE MY PLACE.

HE SAID THAT WARBLER'S STAYING!
HOORAY!


"HOORAY."
JEAN OTUS ALSO RECEIVED A CIGARETTE IN SUITES.

VERY GOOD.
I AWAIT FURTHER GOOD NEWS.
WAIT,
CAN WE MEET AND TALK... FACE TO FACE?
IS WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD.
...THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE'S NO NEED TO MEET IN PERSON.
ULAR
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
NOTHING.

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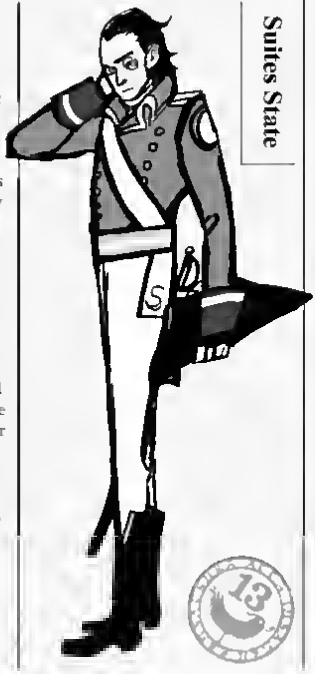
The Uniforms of ACCA | 5

Suites State

Suites is a place that has preserved its historic traditions and customs. As the State is run mostly by the nobility the uniforms worn at the Suites branch of ACCA is heavily influenced by what the nobles wear. Suites is also the birthplace of Pastice, one of the five Directors.



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